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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE 23 ACTION ON FRENCH QRS

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1. WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY MENTION OF INDUSTRIAL PRO-
DUCTS IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE SETTING FORTH GOF' S AGREEMENT TO
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LIBERALIZE QUOTAS. WE REGARD IT AS A NEW ELEMENT RAISED BY THE GOF, SINCE NO DISCUSSION OF INDUSTRIAL QRS TOOK PLACE OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

2. THE OFFER MADE ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS IN REF B WAS PART OF A PACKAGE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE U. S. AT THAT TIME. THE PACKAGE INCLUDED GOF' S AGREEMENT TO U. S. IMPAIRMENT FIGURE ON PINEAPPLE. SINCE THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTED THEN, U. S. VIEWED LATEST NEGOTIATIONS AS ENTIRELY NEW SELF- CONTAINED PACKAGE.

3. FYI. SEMICONDUCTORS SITUATION APPARENTLY HAS CHANGED SINCE OCTOBER OFFER. SOME OF THE RECENTLY CONTACTED U. S. EXPORTERS BELIEVE THAT THE MERE REMOVAL OF THE LICENSING FORMALITY ON IMPORTS FROM THE UK WILL HAVE AN AUTOMATIC TRADE DIVERSION EFFECT. ACCORDINGLY, THE OCTOBER LANGUAGE MIGHT PREJUDICE OUR CASE IF WE SHOULD DECIDE TO CONSULT WITH

THE FRENCH REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL IMPAIRMENT OF U. S. TRADE THROUGH LIBERALIZATION TO THE UK, REGARDLESS OF THE TIMING OF SUCH AN APPROACH. IN ADDITION, SINCE A FEW U. S. EXPORTERS STILL COMPLAIN ABOUT FRENCH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE US USG SATISFIED WITH PRESENT LICENSING SITUATION. END FYI.

4. IF IN EMBASSY' S VIEW ENTIRE NEW AGREEMENT WILL BE LOST UNLESS SOME MENTION IS MADE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, WE COULD AGREE TO INSERTION OF QUOTE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, THE U. S. RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO REFER TO THE MATTER IN THE FUTURE END QUOTE.

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